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Majority prices were lower in the East, unchanged in the West, unchanged to lower in the Midwest. Trade sentiment overall was no better than steady to at times weak. Demand was light to moderate, best for fast food and catering services. Supplies were mixed, but readily available to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was fair following the weekend. Wings were sufficient to better balanced and moving. Breast items were mixed, but available, and dark meat was at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 12-DEC-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG		AVG	
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	62.37	30
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.48	34 :	55.89	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	51.27	23
Denver	78.50	78.21	13 :	78.77	14
Detroit	54.00-56.00	55.80	10 :	58.33	58
Los Angeles	79.00	77.31	52 :	72.96	102
New York	55.00-58.00	56.59	22 :	62.86	57
Philadelphia	54.50-56.00	55.25	12 :	56.30	25
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.92	12 :	62.58	58
St. Louis	54.75	54.17	20 :	56.11	33
San Francisco	79.50	77.53	43 :	78.76	72

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	12/12/05	Change/Last Wk	12/05/05	12/13/04
545	64.42	-.08	64.50	68.00

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	58.00-59.50	58.11	31
Central	42.00-60.00	56.03	80
Western	56.00-69.00	63.69	34
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	68.00-72.00	70.89	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 71.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG
1,136	52.00-73.00	70.19

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed FINAL weighted average price on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	138.50	1,418
BREASTS - B/S	110.00	6,028
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50	1,478
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00	1,126
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	8,554
WINGS	79.00	3,086

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest was mostly fair to instances good entering the week. Offerings were generally sufficient for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady to weak. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair with limited features. Food service was fair to moderate, best for fast food and restaurants near shopping facilities. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was mostly fair at best. Wings were available and clearing, and all other parts were at least adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady. Trading reported on regular commitments at unchanged prices and new negotiations were at unchanged to slightly lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buying activity decreased. Retailer demand was fair overall. Dealers reported moderate to heavy weekend carryovers. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 59.42 down 1.30 and the volume was at 26 loads down 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices unchanged to lower from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Light to moderate demand reported into retail, while fast food promotions and catering operations movement was fairly good. Floor stocks were in full range; weights desirable. Parts offerings were moderate to heavy with wings showing best trade interest. The market tone was steady to fully steady on regular wings and steady to weak on balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good for early week business. Offerings were reported as adequate to mostly in close balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to a tad heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was usually no better than steady. In the parts complex, buying interest was fairly good on breast items, but still somewhat selective on dark meat items and wings. Supplies were in balance to available.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	55-73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly fair entering the week. Offerings of breast items were at least sufficient for current needs; tenders continued to clear satisfactorily. Dark meat cuts ranged adequate to available. Wings were adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		100-105	101.17	612,960
TENDERLOINS		95-100	96.61	97,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS		53-54	66.50	53,800
BREAST - LINE RUN		53	55.52	85,120
LEGS		42-43	43.18	203,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		24-25	25.58	250,440
DRUMSTICKS		32-33	36.42	75,240
THIGHS		32-33	39.95	70,000
B/S THIGHS		95-96	91.83	117,800
WINGS (WHOLE)		77-78	76.47	268,920
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	10.82	8,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	53.94	9,062
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	71.39	13,520

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,619	85.00-247.00	85-90	102.93
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - WITH RIBS	165	51.00-76.00	51-56	58.93
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	652	18.00-26.00	18-23	19.25
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,881	21.00-28.00	23-24	23.76
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,563	21.00-34.00	21-22	21.94

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	12/12	12/08	12/08	12/05	12/01
Alabama	3,808	4,081	5.33	4,046	5.33
Arkansas	5,253	5,047	5.16	4,944	5.27
Delmarva	2,336	2,366	5.80	2,296	5.70
KY-LA-TN	2,343	2,227	5.06	2,329	5.05
Mississippi	2,683	3,055	5.62	2,966	5.59
North Carolina	2,556	2,458	6.62	2,458	6.73
Texas	2,419	2,041	5.12	2,262	4.85
Total	21,398	21,275	5.48	21,301	5.47
Mon	21,398(A)			21,301(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 12-Dec 2005 is estimated to be 32,014,000 up 0.16 percent from a week ago. and up 0.5 percent from a year ago. (last week 31,964,000 last year 31,845,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	791	82.00-135.00	-	92.50
TENDERLOINS	218	78.00-144.00	85-89	91.71
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	58.00-68.00	61-64	61.26
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	273	29.00-58.00	-	31.47
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	505	19.00-30.00	22-23	22.86
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,330	22.00-38.00	25-26	25.61
WINGS (WHOLE)	325	70.00-82.00	74-76	75.98
WINGS (CUT)	225	85.00-95.00	89-92	92.60
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 12, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
31.00 - 39.00	34.23	34.75

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 12-DEC -TO- 16-DEC-2005

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	87.00 - 113.00	87.00 - 103.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	50.00 - 80.00	56.00 - 67.00
LEGS	32.00 - 47.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19.00 - 33.00	23.00 - 26.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	25.00 - 35.00	25.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	24.00 - 42.00	-
THIGHS	29.00 -	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	74.00 - 91.00	74.00 - 80.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 50.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 70.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	84-101
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	87.5-103.5
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-107
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100-112
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 90-105
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-188

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 09, 2005				
<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		PRICES		VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.50-18.00	480,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.71		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	14.00-18.00	2,260,000	1,300,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.04	15.33		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

DECEMBER 09, 2005				
<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		PRICES		VOLUME
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	11.00-19.00	1,040,400	652,800
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	14.17		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were seasonally fair to moderate. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25	12-13	12.58
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly lower on spent heavy hens. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of raw materials. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15	11-12.75	12.01

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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